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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 and 19-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/29/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “in figure 8 A-B, #49 (detecting resistance film” and “predetermined gap being formed between the first layer and the second layer” must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement-drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Prior Art (hereinafter referred to as APA) in view of Asano et al. (6,636,181; hereinafter referred to as Asano).

APA teaches a touch panel (input touch panel, (figures 1 A-A) comprising: a first layer and a second layer that are arranged to face each other (figures 1A-B and specification, pages 1-2), with a predetermined gap being formed between the first layer and the second layer (figures 1 A-B, considered to have such features); and antenna that is formed on the first layer (figure 1B and specification, page 2).

APA does not expressly disclose a touch panel having a Yagi-Uda antenna.

However, Asano teaches a touch panel information input device having Yagi/Uda antennas.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate Asano's touch panel device having a Yagi/Uda antennas into APA touch panel system so as to generate no dead angle in the radiation pattern of the high-frequency signal/energy (column 14, lines 53-67).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-17 and 19-21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-17 and 19-21 are allowed since certain key features of the claimed invention are not taught or fairly suggested by prior art. **In claim 1**, "a first resistance film that is formed on a surface of the first layer; a second resistance film that is formed on a surface of the second layer; and a power supply unit that is provided on the first resistance film, wherein the first resistance film and the second resistance film that are originally used for sensing a touch form an antenna". **In claim 17**, "a first resistance film and a second resistance film that are formed on two parallel surfaces of the first layer and the second layer, and are patterned so as to resonate at a predetermined frequency, the first resistance film and a second resistance film that are originally used to sense a touch form an antenna". **In claim 19**, "a first resistance film that is formed on a surface of the first layer; a second resistance film that is formed on a surface of the second layer; and a power supply unit that is provided on the first resistance film, the first resistance film and the second resistance film that are originally used to sense a touch form the antenna". **In claim 20**, "a first resistance film that is formed on a surface of the first layer; a second resistance film that is formed on a surface of the second layer; and a power supply unit that is provided on the first resistance film, the first resistance film and the second resistance film forming a plurality of antennas that resonate at predetermined different frequencies, and the transmit/receive unit performing ultra broadband wireless communication through the plurality of antennas". **In claim 21**, "a first resistance film that is formed on a surface of the first layer; a second resistance film that is formed on a surface of the second layer; and a power supply unit that is provided on the

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first resistance film, the first resistance film and the second resistance film that are originally used to sense a touch form the antenna”.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mansour M. Said whose telephone number is 571-272-7679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30-6:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard A. Hjerpe whose telephone number is 571-272-7681.

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Mansour M. Said

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Hjerpe', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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